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1 Please obtain an up-to-date proposal to rebuild the Barrow & Lindsey Curzon Hospital. P.S. of the time when it was ready, & any fresh proposals brought forward -

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2 File No.808 of 1934 is submitted.

Secretary. 7.2.36.

3 (Most of the "retrocession" comments & discussions on these files are out of date now; they were based on the proposal that a large purely civil area should still be retained. It would be as well perhaps to disregard the "retrocession" aspect and to take into consideration only the actual proposals for re-construction of the hospitals).

Except in its general bearing on the question,

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8.2.36

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Para 7 infra

The note below, which I presume I ought, as Cabinet minutes by D.S. for consideration. I am quite prepared to urge Cabinet to accept a scheme if the financial side of it can be made conformable with Mr. Chamberlain's (i.e. his note of 13/5/34) proposals for

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para 17 of Min. in F. 808/34 (A)

the undersigned scheme assumes the usual Schemes.

I understand I am to discuss the matter with D.S. also I am not (like clear about the date proposed by D.S. the bearings of subsequent on the matter will have to be considered. It would be wise, though we are under no actual obligation, to observe the convention that by some Cabinet in any scheme involving a loan Cabinet cannot discuss the matter with them without [illegible]

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from S.M.I. I have communicated the substance of your telegram to the Viceroy and I am sending a copy of it to Delhi to get further instructions as to what is to be done with the Deccan

10/2/36

S/S

(b) This has been generally discussed with Resident Surgeon and at Delhi. We are waiting now to receive a further communication from Resident Surgeon.

Tone 12.3.36.

H.E.H. [illegible]

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Precis on the financial aspect of the contemplated reconstruction of the Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospitals.

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The Executive Engineer has drawn up two tables, the first showing the valuation of the present land and buildings and the second showing the estimated cost of the new hospital, assuming that the site was provided free. As regards the former table Mr.Murphy had, with my consent, consulted Rao Saheb B.G. Rajagopala Mudaliar, who is an auctioneer by profession and is the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission.

2. I met these two gentlemen this morning for a discussion. It will be seen that Mr. Murphy estimated the sum accruing from the sale of sites for shops and residential quarters, in accordance with the attached suggested lay-out of the land occupied by the present hospitals, and that accruing from the sale of the existing buildings, at an aggregate of Rs.5,15,500. The Rao Saheb, while agreeing that this was by no means unlikely, especially if the sale of the sites were spread over a period of 12 to 24 months in which case, he said, that it might even reach Rs.6,00,000, still considered that in submitting a scheme to Government the estimated receipts should be conservative and the figure which he gave as one that he was confident would be realized was 10% less than Mr. Murphy's estimate, i.e., Rs.4,64,500.

3. The construction of a new hospital on a new site Mr. Murphy has estimated at Rs.6,37,500. This leaves a sum of Rs.1,73,000 as excess of expenditure over minimum anticipated receipts, or a deficit of about 27.1% on

a project of 6.375 lakhs. Proposals for realizing this deficit have, therefore, to be considered.

4. The Residency Surgeon suggested that the Municipal Commission be approached to levy a pax of Re.1/- or 2/ per head of tax-paying population for the purpose, but the Rao Saheb was opposed to this as impracticable, as it would approximate to a poll tax and he did not for a moment anticipate that the Commission would pass it. The alternative, he said, was for the Commission and certain of the larger local industrial concerns, e.g. The Tobacco Manufacturers (India) Ltd., Messrs. Binny and Co., and possibly Messrs. Parry & Co., to be approached for contributions over a period of, say 20 years, which would be paid into ~~the~~ a sinking fund and at the expiry of this time would discharge the debt of Rs.1,73,000 which at present form the deficit. This measure, if approved, by the firms concerned, would carry with it the proviso that a certain number of beds should be reserved in the hospital for their employees. This would appear to be a reasonable propesition. The Rao Saheb further stated that he was sure that a certain amount, which he estimated at Rs.15,000, could be raised from local subscriptions, and then he was kind enough to promise his own good offices and that of his friends to this direction should it materialize.

5. Summarizing: the inconvenience to both the public and the staff with the existing buildings in the providing of sufficient up-to-date hospital accommodation for the Civil population of the Civil and Military Station is progressive and is rapidly reaching serious proportions. A project has been proposed which would meet 73% of the cost of reconstruction if the latter were raised by a loan from the Government

of India. Both Mr. Murphy and the Rao Saheb were of opinion that the deficit of 27% should not be considered an insuperable obstacle to the project and made certain suggestions towards the realization of the deficit.

R. S.

N o t e on the proposed reconstruction of the Bowring & Lady Curzon Civil Hospitals.

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The necessity for this work has been pointed out in correspondence ending with Secretary's Confidential letter No.F.808-34/R.O.II dated the 25th of September 1934 to which attention is invited, as also to the remarks of the Director-General, I.M.S., forwarded with this office letter No.101 dated 15th April 1935 on the subject of additional pupil nurses (copy attached). The Director-General when he inspected in December 1934 commented adversely on the plan and construction of the present hospitals and emphasised the difficulty in the adequate care of the sick with a limited nursing staff. Of all these considerations the Resident is aware, and the present note deals with ways and means.

2. No funds are available in the Mysore Assigned Tract balance to finance the proposed reconstruction which can only take place, therefore if funds can be found from other sources. Failing a grant from the Government of India, which is most unlikely, the only way in which reconstruction can be financed is by constructing new hospitals on a different site which must either be given free or for a purely nominal sum, and using the proceeds of the sale of the site of the present hospitals, which is extremely valuable, to finance the major portion of reconstruction, the balance being found from a Sinking Fund.

3. It is estimated that the proceeds from the present site, if sold in building lots, gradually, will aggregate to a sum of Rs.5,15,000. Rao Saheb B.G. Rajagopala Mudaliar who is the Municipal Auctioneer has said that this sum might in the most unfavourable circumstances have to be reduced by 10 %, while again in favourable circumstances it might be very considerably exceeded. The estimated cost of the new hospital with buildings and accessories is Rs.6,37,000. In the writer's opinion it would be better to estimate this at 6½ lakhs. It is, therefore, obvious that a balance of approximately 1½ lakhs would remain to be found after the sale of the present site.

4. The following are the proposals for meeting this:

A loan of 6½ lakhs to be taken from the Government of India on the security ~~on the security~~ of the present site and of a Sinking Fund to be formed by the Municipal Commission of the Civil & Military Station to meet the difference between the sale proceeds of the site and the cost of the new hospital. Towards this Sinking Fund it is estimated that Rs.20,000 could be raised from properly directed public subscriptions and an equivalent sum (possibly spread over a period of years) would be provided, in return for the reservation of beds for their employees, by the Bangalore Woollen Cotton & Silk Mills Co. As reference to the Collector on the subject of this Sinking Fund elicited the response that he could see no way of financing it other than the utilization of a portion of the rents realized from settlements, if the Resident would be prepared to sanction this measure.

It was gathered that the Collector himself was in favour of such a step.

5. As regards sites, the Resident is aware of the discussions which have been taking place with the Military authorities, and their refusal to hand over the site originally desired; but Resident is also aware that the Military authorities have made alternative suggestions:

(1) of the site at present occupied by the Lakshmi Theatre, and

(2) of the Miller's Tank site.

The former is too small for the purpose, but it is situated on valuable land. The latter is suitable for the purpose, but has the minor objection that a portion of it, estimated at about 2 acres is the property of the Mohamadan Orphanage, while a further small plot carries buildings under private ownership which would have to be acquired. The remainder of the site is Municipal land. It was suggested by the Municipal Engineer that the land belonging to the Mohamadan Orphanage could with equity be acquired in exchange for the site at present occupied by the Lakshmi Theatre, which though small in area is very much more valuable.

6. The proposals, therefore, which are put before the Resident are:

That the Government of India be approached for the necessary loan and that the Miller's tank site be acquired by the Municipal Commission, either on the terms suggested or as may seem good to the Collector, and that plans and estimates be drawn up during the coming hot weather so that construction may be started on the return of the Municipal Engineer

from leave in October 1937.

7. It is also proposed that during this time Mr. Walter George, F.R.I.B.A., Architect of the Jodhpur and Jaipur Hospitals, be requested to design the plans of the main building and to advise generally on a basis of 2% of the cost of that building. Construction and supervision, of course, will remain with the Municipal Engineer.

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Lt.-Col., I.M.S.,
Residency Surgeon.

No.41/R-19/3-B/36 dated 5-4-36.

At my visit to-day to the Lady Curzon and Bowring Hospitals I formedtthe impression that an increase in the nursing staff was necessary if the nursing was to be efficient. Apart from the proportion of nurses to patients, which is here, I believe, below the average in large hospitals, the peculiar construction of these two hospitals with their many small wards must make efficient nursing almost impossible even with a staff of average strength.

Sd/- C. A. Sprawson,
D.G., I.M.S.,

22-12-34.

Residency Surgeon.

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I want to discuss with the Chancellor Mr. Rowe's proposals for financing the rebuilding of the Royal Hospital

I would like to submit before Tuesday's Budget Statement if at all possible, or failing that, Tuesday 14th or Wednesday 15th.

Will he give me a good single day at which time would suit the Chancellor.

Before I discuss the question I want to see what effect the results of settlements could have on the N.A.F. funds

MR
8/4/30

Secy.

Mr. Rowe does wish to go away for Easter holidays; but he could come at 11 a.m. on Wednesday 15th, if that suits Chancellor (otherwise he will, of course

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and out a part of his Easter holiday if Rendel would like him to do so).

15 He particularly asked whether he could be given today a memorandum containing an indication of any points on which Rendel is likely to require special information which he should have ready beforehand. May I send him a copy of Colonel Hance's note? And are there any special points on which Rendel would like him to be ready with information?

Para 8 ante

Vere

8.4.36

16 The only point Rendel touches on is the financing of the sinking fund & mentions the idea of the annual payments, & the no of years in which it is hoped to sterling such the Crown debt. What the proposal is in the Settlement draft.

17 We therefore can see Col. Hance's note & could see him tomorrow morning if he would suit, when does he want to leave?

& Para 8 ante

8/4/36

Discussed with Collector

I should like to see the case referred to
— R.S.'s. view, from the desirability of
rebuilding

Sorting Office might conceivably
agree to the proposal put forward by
R.S. if the Co. Station Staff were not
in the melting pot, but if retrenchment was
thought necessary the Hospital Block
might be searched and would be a
convenient site for housing offices
which are cramped & have to go to the Bye-law
Court. I doubt if G.P.O. will agree
to any such proposal. When / if
retrenchment is agreed to, the matter might be
discussed with the Bye-law Court. The places
to use with which they might well sympathise
but they have a reasonable claim to be
consulted & that would be the help of Court
if we could use the Salerooms.

Collector also mentioned the sewage-disposal scheme, which I gather is a competitive one for any local architects

Collector suggests £20,000 p.a. from the results of settlements, subject to the concurrence of the Commissioners

9/4/36

Please see para.10 of notes on pre-page. The correspondence referred to in para. 1 of the Residency Surgeon's note is submitted for perusal.

1.5.36

T.N.T.
1-5-36

2.5.36

Ref:

The suggestion for financing the scheme from the receipts from settlements - This is one of the items to which we have drawn attention in our memorandum on the Municipal Budget & it is preferable to secure a strict method of security for these receipts than to leave them in the hands of the Municipality in order that they may be available for the purpose suggested.

This would reinforce the reasons I have given on page 4 for thinking that it is premature to put the scheme for the reconstruction of the hospital up to Govt.

I agree, however, that the present location of the hospital is uneconomical & that the training of the staff, & if it could be concentrated in a smaller compass on a more modern design it would be a most desirable project to put through.

I would consider however that we should wait for the decision of the Secy of State on the principle of retrocession, & (if it is favourable) discuss the question of the reconstruction of the hospital with the Govt of Ceylon.

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3/5/36

Re-Grading of Barmaids at Lady Curzon Hospitals.

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Colonel Hamid asked me to place something on record about the Civil Surgeon's

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Civil reference to Mr. Evans note at para. 26. of file 731/1936

This question of re-Grading should be taken up for discussion with Physn Supt. as soon as? any decision on the question of retrocession (if the decision is favourable to Physn Supt.) has been known and communicated to Physn Supt.

Done

3.3.937.

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